

(c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[Translation]

World Bank Assistance for Development of Fisheries

1424. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank is assisting the State Governments in development of fisheries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the assistance provided to these States during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). World Bank, in its meeting of the Board of Directors held on 14.1.92, has approved for assistance, a shrimp and Fish Culture Project in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal for implementation from 1992-93 on-wards for a period of 7 years. The project comprises:

- (i) a brackishwater shrimp culture component covering about 3,800 ha. area in Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal;
- (ii) an inland fish culture component covering about 48,000 ha. of reservoirs and 5,000 ha. of oxbow lakes in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal; and
- (III) project management including environmental management and training. The total estimated cost

of the project is about US-\$ 95 million (equivalent to Rs. 283.64 crores) of which the World Bank assistance will be to the tune a about US-\$ 85 million.

(c) The project becomes credit effective from 1st May, 1992 only and hence no assistance was provided to the State Governments during 1991-92.

Rockets of Tipu-Sultan

1425. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any request for obtaining back the rockets of Tipu-Sultan being kept in the Woolwich Museum, Britain; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Government is aware of some newspaper reports about these rockets being kept in a Museum in Britain and suggestions regarding getting the rockets back to India. Government has however not received any such request.

(b) Does not arise.

Price of Mustard

1426. SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA): Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether price of mustard had decreased in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the reason for rapid increase in the

price of mustard oil despite sudden decrease registered in the price of mustard; and'

(d) the steps taken to provide suitable remunerative price for mustard growing farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is a decrease in prices of mustard seed in anticipation of a record harvest of mustard during the current Rabi.

(c) The price of mustard oil has also decreased along with that of mustard seed.

(d) The following steps have been taken to ensure remunerative prices for mustard growing farmers:

(i) NAFED has drawn up a programme to procure mustard seed at the minimum support price declared by the Government in case need arises.

(ii) Discussions have been held with NDDB, NAFED and the State Governments of major mustard growing States regarding market intervention operations to ensure remunerative prices to farmers for mustard seed.

[English]

Indo-Myanmar Border

1427. SHRI E. AHAMED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of the Indo-Myanmar border; and

(b) whether military deployment has

been made by Myanmar on this border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The length of Indo-Myanmar border is approximately 1643 kms.

(b) According to available information military deployment has been made by the Government of Myanmar close to Indian borders at some places, apparently to contain insurgent activities.

[Translation]

Harassment by Delhi Traffic Police

1428. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news item regarding harassment of U.P. Roadways employees by the Delhi Traffic Police at the Inter-State Bus Terminus appearing in the Nay Bharat Times dated January 13, 1992;

(b) whether the Government have also received any complaint in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Delhi Police have reported that in order to safeguard against haphazard parking in the Inter-State Bus Terminus and to decongest it, a decision has been taken to tow away buses which stay there beyond half an hour. During one of the drives undertaken by the Traffic Police